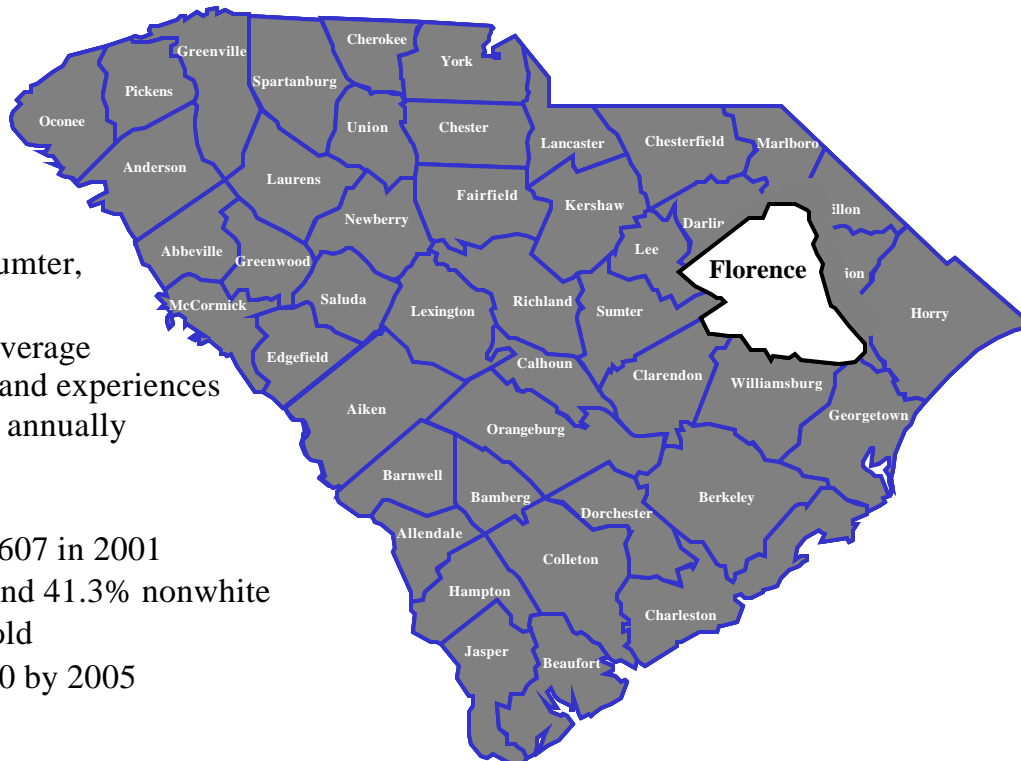


# Spotlight on Florence County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the Northeast area of the state
- Surrounded by Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Williamsburg, Clarendon, Sumter, and Lee Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.6 degrees and experiences 43.72 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- Equaled approximately 126,607 in 2001
- Comprised of 58.7% white and 41.3% nonwhite
- Median age was 35.5 years old
- Estimated to grow to 129,100 by 2005

## Labor Force

- Increased from 62,270 in 2001 to 63,610 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 5.8% in 2001 to 6.7% in 2002

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 59,350 in 2002

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$25,742 in 2001
- It was 104% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Florence Workforce Center paid \$13,226,311 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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